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## 160 homestead leases awarded in Anahola, Kaua'i

**O**<sub>ne</sub> hundred sixty families received new homestead leases in April for a residential project in Anahola, Kaua'i, that will be developed in three phases over the next five years under DHHL's new Undivided Interest Awards program.

Hundreds of people attended the awards meeting at the Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School in Līhu'e for an opportunity to receive an Undivided Interest Award for the Pi'ilani Mai Ke Kai subdivision (Anahola Residence Lots, Unit 6) on the northeastern coast of the island.

An Undivided Interest Award requires no financial pre-qualification since no lot or home is being selected at this time. It is an interest in a larger piece of property that is being offered. The large piece of property is subsequently subdivided and developed in phases, typically over a one- to four-year time frame.

Since there is no financial pre-qualification at these lease offerings, everyone on the area waiting list



Yvonne Pascua was first to sign up for the Piʻilani Mai Ke Kai undivided interest project in Anahola, Kauaʻi. The last recipient of Piʻilani Mai Ke Kai award was Uluwehi S. Gray who applied on 01/18/2002.

was invited. This award is designed to help people who have been on the wait list for a long time and not been able to receive an homestead award.

At the development of each phase, the awardees have an opportunity for a specific house and lot, and at that time, they must be financially pre-qualified for a loan. The one- to four-year development time frame allows people to work on getting financially qualified. DHHL has the Home Ownership Assistance Program (HOAP) that is designed to help awardees prepare for loan qualification.

"I commend the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for its innovative approach in addressing the housing needs of its beneficiaries," said Governor Linda Lingle. "DHHL, through projects like Pi'ilani Mai Ke Kai, is helping to build strong, thriving communities throughout Hawai'i and is making an impact on the state's affordable housing need," she added.

DHHL Chairman Micah Kāne stated that there is a great demand from applicants for homestead leases in the Anahola area. "Pi'ilani Mai Ke Kai is important because it helps address this demand," he added

The Pi'ilani Mai Ke Kai subdivision is approximately 71 acres. Although the subdivision has 181 lots with a minimum size of 10,000 square feet, 21 lots are part of previously undeveloped awards including the 1985-86 Acceleration of Awards program. The infrastructure improvements for the 80 lots (68 new awards) in Phase 1 is scheduled to begin in the Third Quarter 2006. The 55 lots (51 new awards) in Phase 2 is slated for the First Quarter 2007. The 46 lots (41 new awards) in Phase 3 have a First Quarter

## Leiali'i – 1st homestead in West Maui

A he Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Dowling Company held a lot selection meeting earlier this year and awarded 104 homestead lots in the Villages of Leiali'i project in West Maui. Located in Lahaina, next to the Lahaina Civic Center, the first phase of the Villages of Leiali'i will mark DHHL's first ever development in the west Maui area.

Hundreds of people attended the lot selection event held at Maui High School.

"Leiali'i is important because it helps to address the demand for affordable housing in the west Maui area," said DHHL Chairman Micah Kāne. "We are happy to partner again with Dowling Company to provide native Hawaiians with the dream of homeownership."

"Leiali'i has been a long time in the making," said Governor Linda Lingle, who recalled the project from her tenure on the Maui County City Council. Phase 1 of the project was granted final approval by the County of Maui in 1994. However, it remained idle for 10 years due to the ceded lands issue before it was transferred to DHHL in 2004.



Timothy Akina was first to select a lot at Leiali'i in West Maui. The last recipient of Leiali'i was Jorie Goo who applied on 03/24/2004.

"It's wonderful that this project is finally moving forward to benefit native Hawaiians and provide affordable housing in Maui," said Governor Lingle.

Dowling Company will develop the 104-lot subdivision as a turnkey project. Recipients chose from two-three-and four-bedroom homes from six models. The average lot size is 6,500 square feet in costs ranging from

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## Chairman's Message

#### Aloha Kākou!

In June I joined Governor Linda Lingle, Attorney General Mark Bennett and DHHL Executive Assistant Kaulana Park in Washington D.C. to lobby congress for the passage of Senate Bill 147, otherwise known as the Akaka Bill. While the outcome was disappointing, it was not without a tremendous effort on behalf of our Governor and everyone in our contingent.

I, like many, found myself very frustrated with the complexities of passing the Akaka Bill and if anything, I now have a much better understanding of Washington's political and legislative processes. The 12-hour plane ride back was the time I need-

ed to reflect back on our mission as a Hawaiian Trust, and to put things back into perspective as to where we are as Hawaiian

While the passage of S.147 is important because it provides the added legal protections for our trust assets and sets a path for federal recognition, it was not and is not the silver bullet to the problems we are facing as a native people.

Whether the bill passed our not, the challenges ahead of us to get



Chairman Micah A. Kāne

native Hawaiians on the land still exist - but so do the opportunities to fulfill that commitment.

The challenges of assuring that Hawaiian children get access to a solid education still exist – but so do the opportunities to make it happen.

And, the challenge of assuring that our culture has a presence in our lands, in our state, still exists - and so do the opportunities to realize that vision.

Whether S. 147 passed or not, the opportunities to better the conditions of native Hawaiians and ultimately, improve the quality of life for everyone in Hawai'i has always been in our hands.

When it comes to the journey we take as a people, I am reminded of the Hōkūle'a. The Hōkūle'a travels fastest in high winds and stormy seas because the crew must focus. With no wind and calm seas, the Hōkūle'a sits and the journey stalls. Let the high winds and stormy seas help us focus on our opportunities ahead.

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## **Upcoming schedule for Home Ownership Assistance Program**



Homebuyers class in Kekaha, Kaua'i (from left to right) John Kahokuloa, Douglas Kanahele, ani Shintani, Geraldine Naui Kanahele. At the right foreground with the haku lei is the class hostess Ilei Beniamina.

o help people get ready for homeownership opportunities, DHHL has created HOAPthe Home Ownership Assistance Program. Through HOAP, program participants are able to improve their understanding of what it takes to achieve homeownership, increase the likelihood of qualifying for a loan and even access personalized assistance in repairing their credit and reducing their debt.

HOAP is a three-part program offering a call center, tailored case management designed to meet individual needs and workshops to provide information to successfully take the steps toward homeownership.

Since the program began in October 2004, the HOAP call center has fielded 4,575 contacts and HOAP providers have serviced 2,305 individuals through homebuyer education courses

and case management services.

**Homebuyers Education Courses** (8-10 hour sessions; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

- O'ahu--August 26th Kapolei High School--Lounge
- O'ahu--September 30th King Intermediate School--Library
- Kaua'i--November 18th Kapa'a Elementary School

Call (808) 791-3403/toll-free (866) 897-4384 or visit www.dhhlhoap.org on the internet for more information.



HOAP continues to expand its reach into the homestead community through Hawai'i Community Lending. Pictured is HOAP manager Sam Moku (left) with HCL staff and homesteaders during the grand opening of its Nānākuli office at Pu'u Hale 'O



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## DHHL begins largest project in trust history



DHHL's East Kapolei Regional Map. Aerial map credit to The Image Group, Inc.

t the end of February, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) entered into a contract with Royal Contracting Co., Ltd. for the East Kapolei 1 Mass Grading project, the largest residential housing development in the history of the Hawaiian homes trust. The project calls for the mass grading of a 96.83-acre parcel that will include a 403-lot subdivision, the future site of the DHHL offices, and the extension of Kapolei Parkway to connect with the future North/South Road.

In a news release issued when DHHL was soliciting bids for the project, Micah Kāne, Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, said that "East Kapolei 1 is our largest housing project to date, and we believe is a key component to the region." He continued that this project "opens the door for the Kapolei Parkway extension and the development of the North/South Road. With our project, we can begin bringing in the infrastructure that will support better traffic management, our commercial properties in the area, and the University of Hawai'i's West Oahu Campus.

In the same news release, Governor Linda Lingle said "The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is a great catalyst for the area. The entire community will benefit through this affordable housing proj-

The contract amount is \$4.89 million with completion slated 365 days after the issuance of the notice to proceed.





#### West Maui lot selection

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\$145,000 to \$250,000. Construction began in February, with families slated to move in starting in August 2006 and project completion targeted for April 2007.

DHHL has also selected Dowling Company to develop its Waiehu Kou 4 project on Maui.

## 1st Ho'olako Pono loan closing

project site.

n the late summer 2005, a new loan Ho'olako Pono Loan program was introduced that offers construction loans and conventional mortgages to Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) lessees. In October. the bank was happy to announce the closing of the first Ho'olako Pono loan.

Melanie Kuailani had tried unsuccessfully to secure funding to build a home on her Hawaiian Home Lands property in Kula, Maui. She was met with a lot of restrictions and rules, until she was referred to American Savings Bank by her friend, Wailuku Branch Operations Supervisor Pua Hoopai. Melanie found the loan application process "easy," in her words, and was attracted by the one-time closing component to the loan. "I never thought I'd own my own home," she says. "Now I have a home where my two boys, ages four and eight, can grow up."

The Ho'olako Pono loan program offers a number of

- There is no minimum down payment.
- 100 percent financing is available.
- Principal and interest rates are fixed throughout the life of the loan.

  One-time construction financing available.



Melanie Kuailani (right), the first Hoʻolako Pono Loan recipient, is pictured at the loan closing with (from left to right) Toni Woolley, ASB Wailuku Branch Manager: Wanda Hee, ASB Residential Loan Officer: and Pua Hoopai, ASB Operations Supervisor, Wailuku

A special mahalo to all those in private industry and government who helped make this program a reality.... a true example of successful collaboration to benefit the people of Hawai'i.

## The Lunalilo Home-a home for kupuna

dousing on homestead land is not the only home specifically for native Hawaiian people. In 1883, Lunalilo Home for kupuna was established through the will and benevolence of King William Charles Lunalilo Trust Estate. Located next to Kaiser High School in Hawai'i Kai, Lunalilo Home is a 42-capacity licensed, care home providing 24-hour residential care to elderly, native Hawaiians. Kupuna may have medical requirements, need supervision or assistance with daily living including: bathing, toileting, dressing, mobility/walking, and transferring.

Openings are currently available on the second floor. Although an elevator is available, applicants must be ambulatory and able to walk the stairs in case of emergencies. Should you or a loved one require 24-hour care services, do consider Lunalilo Home as an alternative long term, residential home providing quality, compassionate care and aloha. For more information, please contact Lunalilo Home: 501 Kekāuluohi Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96825 or call (808) 395-1000.

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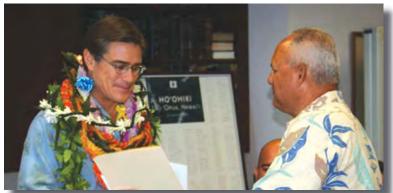
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## Aloha to Commissioner Quentin K. Kawananākoa

The Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) will bid Commissioner Quentin Kawananākoa aloha as his term on the Hawaiian Homes Commission expires on June 30, 2006. Being a direct descendant of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole, Kawananākoa's appointment represented a connection to the founder of the Hawaiian Home Lands program. He was our link to the "Citizen Prince" who worked tirelessly to ensure the Hawaiian culture and people would flourish.

Recently retired Commission Secretary Sherry Humphrey recalled one of the first community meetings Kawananākoa attended as a commissioner. "His relaxed and quiet manner drew the people to him. He moved through the crowd easily and spoke with many of the kupuna. It was apparent that he connected with and cared about the Hawaiian people," she said.

On a more personal level Kawananākoa is a husband, a father, an educated man, a sportsman and someone who sees the humor in every day life. He has served as a Regent of Hale o na Ali'i o Hawai'i since 1997. As a Sustaining Member of



Quentin Kawanan $\bar{a}$ koa (left) receives the HHC Resolution that honors him for his service from Deputy to the Chairman Ben Henderson.



Michael Kamahalo Ka'uhane (left), chairman of Kanuikapono Learning Center & Charter School in Anahola, Kaua'i, and his students, Kolo Kaaumoana, Micah Lo'i and Maka Pa performed a mele entitled 'Pilipa'a 'O Kaua and Waiwai Nui" for Quentin. The song speaks of the importance of using positive words when communicating with one another. Whether among peers, coworkers, families and communities, by living and listening with aloha we can move forward in the rebuilding of our families and communities.

the James Campbell Foundation, his philanthropy continues to support the children and less fortunate families of Hawai'i. His many accomplishments include Advisory Committee member for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. He is a board member of The Friends of 'Iolani Palace, former president of the Prince Kühiō Hawaiian Civic Club, a member of the Development Council for Moanalua Gardens Foundation and former board member for Hawai'i Public Television.

In his work with the Hawaiian Homes Commission, his legal training and background bring valuable counsel to the commission in dealing with the many complex legal issues facing the department.

Aloha, Commissioner Kawananākoa, and mahalo for continuing the legacy of Prince Kūhiō.

### Preparing for hurricane season

s we enter hurricane season, individuals should consider having emergency supply kits--one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their work-place, vehicle or other places they spend time.

A basic emergency supply kit should include the following:

 Water for drinking and sanitation--one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days

- Food--at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Radio--battery-powered or hand crank with extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for foodLocal maps



One of the six Anahola homesteads destroyed by Hurricane Iniki in 1992.